

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-12 are pending in this case. Claims 7-12 are amended by the present amendment with support in the originally filed disclosure at least at paragraphs [0036], [0037], and [0043] of the Specification. Thus, no new matter is added.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 7-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Shimada (U.S. Patent No. 6,591,189).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the pending claims.

Amended Claim 7 recites, *inter alia*, “the route-search-result obtaining unit obtains, when a route search instruction including a designated location is received while the route search result is displayed on the display unit, a researched route with the designated location as a departure point and the destination included in the route search criteria stored in the memory unit as an arrival point.”

The outstanding Office Action asserts Shimada as teaching every element of Claim 7. However, Shimada fails to teach or suggest at least the above-quoted features of amended Claim 7.

Shimada describes a mobile navigation unit that detects current position and searches for a guide route to a destination. As depicted at Fig. 6 and described at column 6, lines 17-55, of Shimada, if a mobile unit deviates from the guide route, then the mobile navigation unit attempts to compute a differential route creating a chain back to the original guide route from the currently detected position of the mobile unit. Shimada does not teach or suggest that the mobile navigation unit “obtains...a researched route **with the designated location as a departure point** and the **destination included in the route search criteria stored in the memory unit as an arrival point**,” “when a **route search instruction including a**

designated location is received while the route search result is displayed on the display unit,” because Shimada does not teach or suggest that “a route search instruction including a designated location is received while the route search result is displayed,” or that “a researched route with the designated location as a departure point” is obtained.

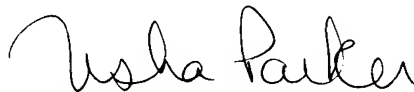
Because Shimada does not teach or suggest at least the above-discussed features of amended Claim 7, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claim 7 and Claims 8-10, which depend therefrom, be withdrawn.

Amended Claims 11 and 12, though differing in statutory class and scope from Claim 7, patentably define over Shimada for similar reasons as amended Claim 7. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the outstanding rejections are traversed and the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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